EXCISE.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): I beg to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 185. This is for the staff to be appointed for the Chowkey opened at the new Edava Railway Station. Whenever a new Railway Station is opened people travel to and fro and goods are booked to and from that station. A Chowkey then becomes necessary for customs examination. The minimum staff of a Chowkey is a Petty Officer on Rs. 18 and two peons, one on Rs. 10 and the other on Rs. 9. The total expenditure per mensem is Rs. 87.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*): May I know when this Chowkey was opened?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): On 1st December last. But no staff has been appointed so far. If sanction is obtained from the House the staff will be appointed. For the remaining five months of the year a sum of Rs. 185 is required.

RAO SAHIB MAHAKAVI S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know how the Chowkey was opened without staff?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Temporarily the minimum staff was taken from the Chirayinkil Range. Now they are doing the work.

The demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

POLICE.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 600 for rewards to Police officers in connection with the special work turned out by them during this year. (*Cries of louder please.*)

PRESIDENT: The Honourable member will please raise his voice a little.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): By special work I mean the work during the celebrations in connection with the birthday of His Highness the Maharaja and the visit of the illustrious guests, and the Dassara festivals. All these festivities synchronized this year. The Police officers had to over-work themselves. They were compelled to do over-time work. The usual budget provision for rewards is found inadequate; there is only a balance of Rs. 100. (*Louder, please.*)

PRESIDENT: It is not necessary to go from one extreme to the other. (*Laughter.*)

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): As these several festivities synchronized, the Police men had additional duties to perform, and were compelled to do over-time work and for that some special consideration has to be shown to them by way of rewards. Hence this motion for supplementary grant.

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